

TRAGIC DEATH.

The Story of An Eye Witness to the Death of Gen. Lunar in the Philippines.

PANQUI, P. I., June 8, 1900.

To the Editor of THE HERALD: I send you the story of an eye witness to the death of Gen. Lunar in the Philippines. The story was given me in Spanish by Lt. Col. Abecellio, first on the staff of Gen. Lunar at that time. Gen. Funston was leading the advance up the railroad north from Manila during the months of April and May 1899, and the first of May found our boys in the town of San Fernando, about twenty miles north of Manila. During an attack on this place Gen. Lunar was dangerously wounded. The following story by Col. Abecellio will explain all that transpired from that time on to the day of his death, one month afterward: "The fighting was very hot," said the colonel, "and Gen. Lunar and staff were in a very exposed position. Lunar was sitting on his pony with his field glass directing the fire of his troops against the American lines. I was just behind him, and was intently watching the movements of the enemy. I could plainly see, by the aid of my glasses, the faces of Gen. Funston and staff about one mile from our lines. Gen. Lunar seemed to be directing the fire on Funston and staff, instead of the American soldiers. While the firing was warmest, Lunar turned to me and gravely remarked, that 'Funston was a brave man.' He had hardly uttered the words when a Springfield ball struck him in the right side, seriously wounding him. He fell from his horse in an unconscious condition. I sprang from my horse and restored him to life again by administering small quantities of brandy, the native drink. After he came to, I carried him off the field to a secluded village, miles away, where he was nursed for one month under my eye, before he was able to return to duty. Aguinaldo had been driven by this time to his mountain capital, Bayambau, on the Rio Grande river, one hundred miles north of Manila. Gen. Lunar and I went under disguise to that place, and reported for duty June 2d. He was at once assigned to his command and ordered to San Isidro, a town several miles southeast of Bayambau in the heart of the mountains. We arrived at that place after two days hard marching without food or rest. The evening we arrived at our destination, Lunar received orders from Aguinaldo to come back to Bayambau immediately with his entire command. He being tired, sick and not being fully recovered from his wounds, refused to comply with the order from his chief. Aguinaldo at once sent one of his captains to investigate the matter, for he suspected him of being in league with the Americans. The captain arrived and proceeded to pour forth upon the head of the gallant Lunar vile epithets, too dirty for a decent man to use. A quarrel was the result, and the captain ordered him under arrest by the order of Gen. Aguinaldo. Lunar resented this insult by striking him the Captain and placing him in irons. That night he managed to escape, and hired two cowardly cut-throats to kill the general next morning. The following morning, June 8th, Lunar and I were walking in front of the convent when we were fired upon by the two curs employed to kill us. Gen. Lunar was shot through by a Mauser bullet, but managed to keep his feet, and pulling his gun succeeded in killing one of his slayers before the second ball ended his life."

It was a horrible sight. After he fell, two soldiers severed his head from his body and pitched it into a ditch near by. I went out and covered it with earth. Thus ended the career of the truest, bravest officers in the Insurgent army, Aguinaldo not excepted. I took command after his death, and surrendered the whole command to a Captain Rice, of the American army the next day. I am now a peaceful citizen of Luzon, and am anxious for American government.

This is the story given me by the above named Colonel, who is the most intelligent man I have ever met in the Philippines. He

is of Spanish decent, and has a fine education. He is now a rice merchant, and it was during his stay at this place I met him, and heard the above story from his own lips. He showed me the receipt of his surrender to Capt. Rice; also his parole. Very respectfully,
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